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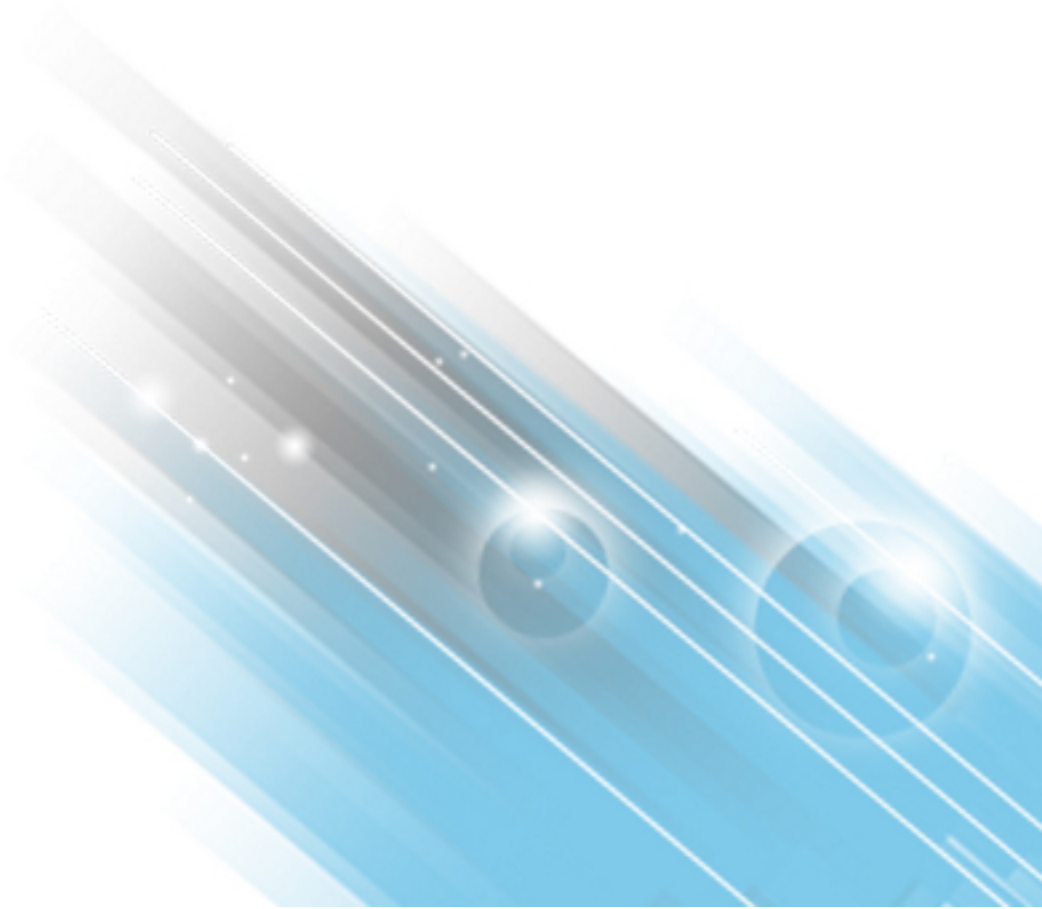

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Part 1: What's New in HP ALM 12.01

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ALM also includes Performance Center functionality, enabling you to manage all aspects of a large-scale performance testing project, including resource allocation and scheduling, from a centralized location accessible through the Web. For details on new features in Performance Center, see "What's New in HP ALM Performance Center" on page 13.

Updates to the ALM Web Client

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Note: Currently, the modules supported by ALM Web Client are Requirements and Defects.

HP Application Lifecycle Management 12.01 introduces the following new features and enhancements to the ALM Web Client:

Author mode

Improved functionality when authoring multiple requirements as part of a single document now lets you:

- Add or delete requirements from within the document view.
- Choose between using the ALM Desktop Client **Rich Text** tab or the **Description** field as the body of each requirement in the document.
- Now includes the ability to export requirements to HTML, PDF and Word formats.

Defects module

Grid data can now be exported to HTML, PDF and Word formats.

Traceability

New features provide more comprehensive traceability capabilities:

- Grid views are available for drilling-down to specific traceability links. In these views you can filter items and select the fields to be displayed.
- When viewing traceability for requirements, you can choose to include child requirements. You can also include both direct and indirect links when viewing defects linked to a requirement.
- You can now search requirements by description name and then link them, rather than just linking them by ID.

Customization

Forms

Improvements to the form designer and to form rendering make it easier to create forms:

- Drag and drop fields to reorder them while designing a form.
- A read-only system default form is now available. You can duplicate this form to create your own forms. You can also always revert to the system default form if necessary.
- The ALM Web Client can now optimize space by determining how many fields fit on one line in a form.

Business Rules

Additional functionality provides the administrator with more capabilities for enforcing organization policies and for dictating workflow. Key new business rules features include:

- Filtering the list of rules in the grid by entering text. Only rules whose action, condition, or remark match the text are listed.
- Creating rules without a condition, which will be evaluated unconditionally.
- You can base your rule condition on the values of fields that refer to other modules, such as a **Target Release** or **Target Cycle** from the Releases module.
- Defining rules that:
  - Select different lookup lists for both user-defined and system fields.
  - Limit field lookup list values to a subset of those values.
  - Send emails when an entity is created, deleted, or modified.
  - Set field values when an entity is created or a field is modified.

General

General enhancements added to customization include:

- A new **Edit & Lock** feature that enables one administrator to have exclusive access to customization, while others can view existing settings.
- **Staging and production.** You can now define your business rules and forms in a project set up for staging, and when ready, export the business rules to the project in production.

Additional functionality and useability enhancements

New features and useability improvements provide an enhanced user experience:

- A preview pane is now available for more convenient viewing and editing of entity details in grid views.
- You can define and load preset value templates for automatic completion of field values, saving time when adding entities.
- When using filters and categorization, the new **Hierarchy with children** view displays the parent-child path leading to the matching requirements, as well as the children of the matching requirements. This gives you a better overall perspective of your requirements.
- You can modify the location of a requirement in the hierarchy by changing its associated parent requirement.
- Requirements can now be added in **Flat** view when the hierarchy is not displayed, by assigning a parent requirement.
- Attachments can now be added when adding a new entity, without having to first save the entity.
- You can now cut, copy, paste, and delete requirements in the **Details** view.
- Improvements to memo fields let you paste images directly into memo fields, and make use of native browser spell-check functionality.

For details on each of these features, see the *ALM Web Client User Guide*.

Tip: The ALM demo project, **ALM_Demo**, contains data and entities that can be used for learning ALM Web Client. For details on importing projects, see the *HP Application Lifecycle Management Administrator Guide*.

Administration Updates

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Site Configuration

In the Site Configuration tab, the following parameters were added:

- ALLOW_HTTP_METHOD_OVERRIDE
- ALLOW_WEBUI_HTTP_METHOD_OVERRIDE
- REQUIREMENT_AUTHOR_USE_RICHTEXT

For details on the new parameters, refer to the *HP Application Lifecycle Management Administrator Guide*.

ALM Help

The ALM Installation and Upgrade Guide has been split into two new guides, one for Windows users and one for Linux users. By customizing these guides, we present users with the information that is relevant to their environment. The new guides can be found under Installation Guides on the ALM Help page.

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Updates to Performance Center

Performance Center 12.01 introduces the following new features and enhancements:

Support for HP Public Cloud

Ability to provision cloud hosts for performance testing from HP Public Cloud. For more information on cloud hosts, see the *HP ALM Lab Management Guide* and the *HP ALM Performance Center Guide.*

Using VUsers and VUDs during a Test Run

Performance Center now enables you to mix VUsers and VUDs in the same test while reserving timeslots and running performance tests.

For more information, see *HP Application Lifecycle Management User Guide* and the *HP ALM Performance Center Guide.*

Performance Center Community License Bundle

Performance Center now delivered with a free perpetual community license bundle. The bundle includes: 1 Controller allowing 1 concurrent run, 1 PC

Lifecycle user, and 50 perpetual VUsers. The VUsers are valid for all protocols except for GUI (UFT), COM/DCOM, and template protocols. The community license bundle does not include support.

For more information on how to install community license bundle, see the *HP ALM Lab Management Guide.*

Log Collator Tool

This application enables you to collate logs from ALM, Performance Center servers, and host machines to a ZIP file.

This tool is available from the Performance Center Server. Select **Start > All Programs > HP Software > HP Performance Center Server > Tools > Log Collator**.

Mobile License Bundle

A custom license bundle for testing mobile applications, including the Mobile Application - HTTP/HTML, TruClient Ajax - Mobile, and SMP protocols. This bundle includes Performance Center Mobile VUsers and an equivalent number of Network Virtualization for PC VUsers licenses.

For more details, see the What's New section in the *HP LoadRunner 12.01 Readme.* The *HP LoadRunner 12.01 Readme* is available from HP Live Network (HPLN).

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External Authentication

HP ALM supports external authentication systems, such as Smart Card Authentication and Single Sign-on.

- **Smart Card Authentication**: Smart cards are physical devices used to identify users in secure systems. These cards can be used to store certificates both verifying the user's identity and allowing access to secure environments. Currently, ALM supports one type of smart card authentication, CAC (Common Access Card). ALMis JITC certified. For details, see http://jitc.fhu.disa.mil/pki/pke_lab/app_testing/application_status.html.
- **Single Sign-on**: Single sign-on (SSO) is a session/user authentication process that permits a user to enter one name and password to access multiple applications. Currently, ALM supports one type of single sign-on authentication, SiteMinder.

HP ALM can be configured to use these external authentication systems in place of the standard model of each user manually entering a user name and password.

External authentication users log in to ALM without entering a user name and password.

New Look and Feel

There is a brand new look and feel to this version of ALM. For details, see *How to Start* and *Common Areas* in the *HP Application Lifecycle Management User Guide*.

In keeping with the design changes, two significant changes have been made in the ALM main window, as follows:

- The Tools menu, previously in the masthead, has been removed. Most of the items that were in the menu are now accessible from in the masthead.
- The Help menu, also in the masthead in previous versions, is now at the bottom of the sidebar.

The following table shows specific changes.

Previous versions	ALM 12.00
Tools > Change Project	<Domain, Project>
Tools > Customize	> Customize
Tools > New Defect	> New Defect
Tools > Spelling and Grammar	> Spelling and Grammar
Tools > Clear History	> Clear History
Tools > Task Manager	> Task Manager
Tools > Download Standalone Applications (PC only)	> Download Standalone Applications (PC only)
Tools > Event Log (PC and ALM Edition)	> Event Log (PC only)

Previous versions	ALM 12.00
Tools > Lab Settings (PC and ALM Edition only)	> Lab Settings (PC and ALM Edition only)
Tools > Performance Center Controller Options (PC only)	> Performance Center Controller Options (PC only)
Tools > My Performance Center (PC only)	> My Performance Center (PC only)
Help > Help on this page	
Help > Documentation Library	Help > ALM Help
Help > HP Software Support	Help > Software Support Online
Help > HP Software Website	Help > HP Software Quality Center Website
Help > ALM Website	Help > HP Software Application Lifecycle Management Website
Help > ALM Community Forum	Help > ALM Community
Help > About HP Application Lifecycle Management Software	Help. The versions of ALM components that are currently running are listed on the right side of the window.

The following menu items have been removed :

- Tools > Document Generator
- Help > Welcome Page

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Note: Currently, the modules supported by ALM Web Client are Requirements and Defects.

Because the ALM Web Client does not download client components on to your computer, you no longer need administrative privileges to use ALM. The ALM Web Client is not browser-dependent and works on various operating systems. See the *ALM Release Notes* for supported browsers and operating systems.

The ALM Web Client has features not available in the ALM Desktop Client, such as:

- **Author mode**. A document-centric viewing mode that enables you to see a list of requirements in a single document view, and allows for quick editing of descriptions. This helps you to better understand the big picture.
- **Category Views**. A dynamic hierarchical structure based on virtual folders allows for flexibility in manipulating the requirements view. Views can be updated on-the-fly by selecting new category fields. This flexibility lets you determine the way in which requirements are organized.

For details on each of these features, see the *ALM Web Client User Guide*.

Tip: The ALM demo project , ALM_Demo, contains data and entities that can be used for learning ALM Web Client. For details on importing projects, see the *HP Application Lifecycle Management Administrator Guide*.

General Updates

HP Application Lifecycle Management 12.00 contains the following usability enhancements:

Quick Access to Attachments

Clicking the attachment icon for an entity now lets you view the list of attachments. You can open the attached files directly from the list.

Pinned Items

You can now pin requirements, test plans, or defects. For details, see the *HP Application Lifecycle Management User Guide*.

Zoom In and Zoom Out for Memo Fields

Zoom In and Zoom Out buttons have been added to the toolbar for rich content memo fields.

Cross Project Business View Excel Reports

Business View Excel reports can now be created with data from multiple projects. The data will be shown and sorted per project.

Changes in Feature Availability

The following features are no longer fully available from HP Application Lifecycle Management 12.00:

- Excel Reports

Administration Updates

This section describes administration enhancements in HP Application Lifecycle Management 12.00.

Site Configuration

In the Site Configuration tab, the following parameters were added:

- Customization:
  - DISABLE_ASYNC_CUSTOMIZATION_LOAD
- External Authentication:
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_CERTIFICATE_CRL_CHECK
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_CERTIFICATE_CRL_FOLDER
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_CERTIFICATE_DELTA_CRL_CHECK

  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_CERTIFICATE_LOCAL_CRL_CHECK
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_CERTIFICATE_OCSP_CHECK
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_CERTIFICATE_OCSP_REQUIRED
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_CERTIFICATE_POLICY_CHECK
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_CERTIFICATE_VALID_POLICY
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_CERTIFICATES_FILE
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_DEBUG_LEVEL
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_EXECUTION_MODE_HEADER_NAME
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_EXTENDED_HARDWARE_KEYS
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_HARDWARE_CARD_IS_REQUIRED
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_HEADER_NAME
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_IS_POLICY_REQUIRED
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_MODE
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_USER_FIELD_PATTERN
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_USER_FIELD_TYPE
  - EXTERNAL_AUTH_VALIDATE_USER_IN_LDAP
- Input Validation:
  - INPUT_VALIDATION_LOGPATH
  - INPUT_VALIDATION_MODE
- Project Planning and Tracking:
  - PPT_KPI_FAILURES_PERCENTAGE_PER_RELEASE_FUSE
  - PPT_RECENTLY_USED_PROJECTS_THRESHOLD_MINUTES
- REST API:

  - DOWNLOAD_REST_ATTACHMENTS
  - REST_API_HTTP_CACHE_ENABLED
  - REST_API_MAX_BULK_SIZE
  - REST_API_MAX_ENTITY_TREE_SIZE
- Security:
  - ENABLE_JMX_CONSOLE
  - ENABLE_OUTPUT_SANITIZATION
  - ENABLE_XSRF_VALIDATION
  - OUTPUT_SANITIZATION_BY_CLIENT_TYPE
  - TEXT_ENCODING_BY_CLIENT_TYPE
- Web UI:
  - ALLOW_WEBUI_ACCESS

For details on the new parameters, refer to the *HP Application Lifecycle Management Administrator Guide*.

For details on the External Authentication parameters, refer to the *HP Application Lifecycle Management External Authentication Configuration Guide*.

Docs on Tap: New Mobile Access to References for Administrators

Certain reference information can now be accessed on mobile devices. This provides quick access to administrators "on the go."

This set of information is called **Docs on Tap** and includes:

- Information about editions
- System requirements

- Site parameters
- Workflow references
- Database references
- Installation and upgrade troubleshooting
- Other helpful links

Docs on Tap can be accessed using one of the following methods:

- **PDF download using HPLN**. Click **Docs on Tap** and download the PDF.
- **PDF download using SSO**. Click **Product manuals** and download **HP ALM Docs on Tap**.

Business Process Testing

New HP Application Lifecycle Management 12.00 features are also supported for Business Process Testing entities. In addition, the Business Process Testing features described below have been introduced or enhanced in ALM 12.00.

For more information on these features, refer to the *HP Business Process Testing User Guide*.

- "Manual Runner Improvements" below
- "Testing Manual Business Process Tests from a Printout" on the next page
- "Site Administration and Customization" on the next page
- "Integration with Sprinter" on the next page
- "Integration with UFT" on page 27

Manual Runner Improvements

In addition to user interface and performance improvements to the manual runner for business process tests, you can now view business component snapshots during the manual run. For details, see the information about running business process tests manually in the *HP Business Process Testing User Guide*.

Testing Manual Business Process Tests from a Printout

Two new reports enable you to run business process tests manually by performing the test steps from a printout. The reports print out the corresponding parameter values for flows, iterations, groups, components, and manual steps in the business process test. For details on the available project reports, see the *HP Application Lifecycle Management User Guide*.

The reports are available from the Test Plan module > Analysis menu > Project Reports option:

- Business Process Tests with Component Steps
- Business Process Tests with Component Steps and Component Details

  The details report provides additional information about each component in the test and snapshots.

Tip: You can also run these reports for auditing purposes.

Site Administration and Customization

In site administration, you can set permissions for customizing Business Process Testing by group. For example, site administrators can now allow members of the Viewers group to customize Business Process Testing. For details, see the **Customize Business Process Test** permission level in the Administration tab.

Integration with Sprinter

You can author manual business components in Sprinter.

This feature is supported according to the following matrix:

	ALM 11.00 with Service Pack 3 and later	**ALM 11.50**	**ALM 11.51**	**ALM 11.52**	**ALM 12.00**
Sprinter 11.00	Yes	No	No	No	No

	ALM 11.00 with Service Pack 3 and later	ALM 11.50	ALM 11.51	ALM 11.52	ALM 12.00
Sprinter 11.50	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Sprinter 11.50 with patch 14 or patch 18	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Sprinter 11.52	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Sprinter 12.00	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes

Integration with UFT

The following improvements have been made for integrating with UFT:

- **API testing.** When running a business process test that contains a component with API automation, you can view the resulting report using the HP Run Results Viewer. Previously, this was only supported for GUI test automation.
- **New test runtime mechanism**. Business process tests and flows do not use the BPT wrapper test mechanism when running with UFT. Instead, a new test runtime mechanism is provided.
- **Business process tests are available for edit and running directly from within UFT**. Business process tests and flows now behave as native tests within the UFT IDE, providing enhanced test editing, smoother debugging of business process tests, and better performance for business process test authoring from within the UFT IDE. For details, see the *HP Unified Functional Testing User Guide*.

Lab Management

This section describes Lab Management enhancements in HP Application Lifecycle Management 12.00.

Configure Proxy Server Settings for the Lab Service

The Lab Service Settings page now includes a tab to configure proxy server settings. Proxy server settings support authentication using a username and password.

Automatically Extend Functional Timeslots

When the new Auto-Extend functionality is enabled, a functional test set or build verification suite that reaches the end of its timeslot before all tests complete, will have its timeslot automatically extended so that the tests can finish.

ALM Help

An interactive glossary was added to the HP ALM Help. Terms that are included in the glossary are displayed in blue and have a glossary icon 🕮 next to them. Click on the term to view its definition in a pop-up window.

Chapter 4: What's New in HP ALM Performance Center

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Provision Cloud Hosts for Performance Testing

You can now provision hosts for performance testing in the cloud. The new cloud host functionality enables you to:

- Define cloud accounts for your projects.
- Provision hosts using standard host templates or create your own templates.
- Manage cloud host usage by assigning credits to projects.
- View cloud host usage reports and receive cloud host notifications.

For more information about cloud hosts, see the *HP ALM Lab Management Guide* and the *HP ALM Performance Center Guide.*

My Performance Center Updates

My Performance Center now enables you to:

- Create test plan trees and test sets, and fully manage your tests from within Performance Center.
- Provision and manage your cloud testing hosts.
- View cloud host usage reports.
- Easily create tests using the Test Express Designer.
- View and manage your tests and resources using newly created System Perspectives.

For more information on My Performance Center, see the *HP ALM Performance Center Guide.*

Analysis Templates

After creating a custom designed template for displaying test results in the HP LoadRunner Analysis, you can upload the template to the ALM Test Resources module and apply it to other performance tests of your choice. For details, see the *HP ALM Performance Center Guide.*

PAL Enhancements

Performance Application Lifecycle (PAL) now enables you to create production data sets using Google Analytics and IIS W3C Extended Log File Format. After you create the data sets using the PAL Data Set Creator wizard, you upload the data sets from My Performance Center and use them in your PAL reports. For details, see the *HP ALM Performance Center Guide.*

Performance Center REST API Reference

A newly created online reference for the Performance Center REST-based API. You can use the REST API to execute actions to support automation and continuous integration.

Protocol Enhancements

Enhancements to several Virtual User Generator protocols and support for latest versions of their technologies. For more details, see the What's New section in the *HP LoadRunner 12.00 Readme.*

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